

Appl. No. 09/805,535
Amdt. Dated July 27, 2006
Reply to Final Office action of April 27, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the present application.

This response is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2006. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 12, 19, 21, 22, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claims 10, 20, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Examiner also indicated allowable subject matter for claims 3-8, 13-18, and 23-28. Applicants have canceled claims 11, 12, 21, and 22, and amended claims 3-4, 9-10, 13-14, 19-20, 23-24, and 29-30. Applicants preserve the right to continue prosecuting the canceled claims in the future. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objects to claims 3-8, 13-18, and 23-28 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 3, 13, and 23 to include all of the limitations of the base claims and the intervening claims 1-2, 11-12, and 21-22, respectively. In addition, Applicants have amended the claim dependencies of claims 4, 9, 10; 14, 19, 20; and 24, 29, and 30 to depend on the newly amended independent claims 3, 13, and 23, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants believe that newly amended independent claims 3, 13, and 23, and their respective dependent claims are allowable.

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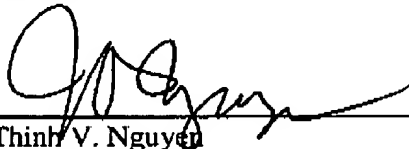
Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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